Funds for beautification of Taj Mahal

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Central Government to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh under the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan for the beautification of surrounding area of Taj Mahal and to improve the environment;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the work done by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh have provided details of expenditure of allotted funds;

(d) whether her Ministry have received any complaints that required progress has not been made in the beautification of the surrounding areas of Taj Mahal; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The details of financial assistance provided for tourism-related projects for Agra during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan are at Annexure.

(b) and (c) Implementation of projects is the responsibility of the State Government. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India monitors the progress of the projects from time to time. The balance fund for a project is released only on receipt of completion/utilization certificate in respect of the instalment released earlier for it.

(d) A project for Integrated Development of Agra-Revitalization and Visitors Management for Taj Mahal vicinity as a special destination for Rs. 767.00 lakh has been sanctioned in the month of December, 2005. The project is being implemented by CPWD.

(e) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Statement showing projects sanctioned for Agra during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan

(Rs. in lakh)

SI.	Name of the Project No.	Amount sanctioned
1992-93		
1.	Flood Lighting of Fatehpur Sikri	15.15
1993-94		
1.	Improvement of Ghats at Bateshwar	20.00
1995-96		
1.	Sound & Light Show at Agra Fort	20.00
1996-97		
1.	Refurbishment of Akbar's Tomb	35.32
1997-98		
1.	Visitor Centre, Agra	20.92
1998-99		
1.	Refurbishment of Aram Bagh, Agra	11.34
2.	Flood Lighting of Bateshwar Temple in Agra Distt.	05.00
1999-2000		
1.	Toilets at Taj Mahal, Agra (5 Star level)	21.00
2.	Floodlighting of Sikandara (Distt. Agra)	04.27
3.	Floodlighting of Etmad-Ud-Dullah (Distt. Agra)	05.29
2000-01		
1.	Renovation of Toilets at Tajganj Agra	07.54
2.	Renovation of Community toilets at Fatehpur Sikri (Main Gate) and Ranch Mahal (Inside) Fetehpur Sikri	16.90
3,	Integrated Development of Bateshwar (Distt. Agra)	50.00